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SUBJ: OFFICIAL TRAVEL TO WARSAW VIA BERLIN

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1. SUMMARY. OF THE TWO POSSIBILITIES SUGGESTED
BY BONN, OPTION A WOULD BE SOMETHING OF A NEW PRECEDENT
AND OFFERS US AN OPPORTUNITY TO TEST THIS ROUTE FOR OFFICIAL
PASSPORT HOLDERS. OPTION B IS, AS EMBASSY NOTES, SAFER
AND MIGHT BE PREFERABLE IN THIS CASE, AS HANSEN WILL BE
ACCOMPANYING FAMILY AND DIFFICULTIES IN PURSUING
OPTION A MIGHT CAUSE PERSONAL INCONVENIENCE. END SUMMARY.

2. FROM TIME TO TIME PERSONS ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS TRAVELING
BETWEEN BERLIN AND COUNTRIES TO THE EAST HAVE BEEN ASSISTED
BY MISSION AND EMBASSY IN CROSSING SECTOR TO SECTOR,
NOT GETTING ENTRY STAMPS. IN PREVIOUS CASES THESE OFFICIALS
HAVE ALL CARRIED DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS. WHEN THESE
TRAVELRS REACHED THE POLISH-EAST GERMAN BORDER
ON THEIR EASTBOUND TRIP THE GDR GUARDS HAVE ACCEPTED
THE ABSENCE OF AN ENTRY STAMP INTO THE GDR WITH THE
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EXPLANATION THAT THE OFFICIALS WERE PART OF THE
MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT IN BERLIN. WE ALSO THINK THE
GUARDS HAVE BEEN ACCOMMODATING BECAUSE THE BEARER USED
A DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT. IT IS OUR EXPERIENCE THAT GDR
BORDER PERSONNEL DO THEIR BEST TO BE ACCOMMODATING TO
DIPLOMATIC TRAVELERS.

3. BEARERS OF OFFICIAL PASSPORTS DO NOT GET THE SAME PRIVILEGED TREATMENT FROM EAST GERMAN BORDER PERSONNEL. THIS IS SEEN FOR INSTANCE IN THEIR REFUSAL TO LET OFFICIAL PASSPORT BEARERS TRANSIT THE SECTOR-SECTOR BOUNDARY IN OFFICIAL U.S. EMBASSY BERLIN VEHICLES SHOWING MERELY THE COVER AND PICTURE PAGE OF THEIR PASSPORT, AS DIPLOMATS CAN DO.

4. ACCORDINGLY, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD LIKE TO TEST THE POSSIBILITY OF OFFICIAL PASSPORT BEARERS USING MISSION/ EMBASSY TRANSPORTATION TO AVOID THE SECTOR-SECTOR BOUNDARY STAMPS, WE WOULD RATHER DO IT WITH A CASE OF A TRAVELER WHO WOULD BE PREPARED TO BE TURNED BACK AT THE POLISH-GDR BORDER. GEORGE

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